GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any reports from the State Governments about the decline in agricultural production and productivity attributable to diversion of Agricultural labour from fields to National Rural Employee Guarantee Programme (NREGP) works;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No such reports have been received from the State Governments. Both production and productivity of major agricultural crops in the country show increase since 2005-06 as show below:-

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2005-06	2006-07$
Foodgrains	208.60	216.13
Oilseeds	27.98	23.88@
Sugarcane	281.17	345.31
Cotton#	18.50	22.70

$ 4th advance estimates released on 19.07.2007
# Million bales of 170 kg each
@ Production declined due to decline in area coverage.

(c): As such the National Rural Employee Guarantee Programme, which has been operational since February 2006, does not seem to have any adverse impact on the agricultural production and productivity.